Coal Survey laboratory of NER

1456. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of coal survey laboratory of N.E. Region at Jorhat;

(b) whether there is any plan to shift it outside the region;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal of merger with the coal Division of R.R.L., Jorhat; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The coal survey laboratory of N.E. region at Jorhat is a unit of CFRI, Dhanbad. There is no plan to shift the laboratory outside the region.

(c) and (d) The proposal to merge coal survey laboratory with a larger CSIR laboratory known as Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat, is awaiting approval of CSIR.

Formulation of National Renewable Energy Policy

1457. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a national renewable energy policy so as to augment the contribution of Non-Conventional Energy Sources to the total volume of power resources in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the various sources of power generation; and

(c) by when the new policy is likely to be announced and implemented?